

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1 – 34 (Cancelled)

35. (original) A method of making a graphite fabric comprising the steps of:
providing a pitch precursor yarn of a first filament count;
stretch breaking and drawing said yarn into a second filament count which is less than the first filament count;
forming said yarn into a fabric or felt; and
heat treating said fabric or felt to convert the fibers into graphitic fibers.
36. (original) The method in accordance with claim 35 which includes the step of twisting the yarn after the yarn is stretch broken and spun.
37. (original) The method in accordance with claim 35 which includes the step of providing a serving yarn after the yarn is stretch broken and spun.
38. (original) The method in accordance with claim 35 wherein the ratio of the first filament count to the second filament count is between 5 and 20.
39. (original) The method in accordance with claim 35 which includes the step of forming said yarn into a fabric or felt by weaving, stitch bonding or needle punching.
40. (original) The method in accordance with claim 39 which includes the step of coating the fabric or felt with a carbonaceous mixture.
41. (original) The method in accordance with claim 39 which includes the step of incorporating said fabric or felt into a thermoplastic or thermoset resin so as to form a composite.
42. (original) A method of making a graphite fabric comprising the steps of:

providing hybrid yarn including pitch precursor fibers and PAN fibers, said hybrid yarn being of a first filament;

stretch breaking and drawing said hybrid yarn into a second filament count which is less than the first filament count;

forming said hybrid yarn into a fabric or felt; and

heat treating said fabric or felt to convert the fibers into graphitic fibers.

43. (currently amended) The method in accordance with claim ~~43~~ 42 which includes the step of twisting the hybrid yarn after the hybrid yarn is stretch broken and spun.

44. (original) The method in accordance with claim ~~43~~ 42 which includes the step of providing a serving yarn after the hybrid yarn is stretch broken and spun.

45. (original) The method in accordance with claim ~~43~~ 42 wherein the ratio of the first filament count to the second filament count is between 5 and 20.

46. (original) The method in accordance with claim ~~43~~ 42 which includes the step of forming said hybrid yarn into a fabric or felt by weaving, stitch bonding or needle punching.

47. (original) The method in accordance with claim 46 which includes the step of coating the fabric or felt with a carbonaceous mixture.

48. (original) The method in accordance with claim 46 which includes the step of incorporating said fabric or felt into a thermoplastic or thermoset resin so as to form a composite.